

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/932,166

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

JAKOBOVITS, AYA

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 3/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-18,20,22,24 and 27-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 8/17/01 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Amendment of 3/18/05 has been entered. Claims 1, 4-18, 20, 22, 24 and 27-31 are pending. The amendment has entered no new matter.

The amendment has overcome previously stated issues as follows:

The objection to claims

The prior art rejection based upon Jakobovits et al in view of Edelman et al, as well as various rejections based upon such combination further in view of various tertiary references.

The obviousness type double patenting rejection over the claims of copending application 10/209,328 is withdrawn, since the instant application is the first in condition for allowance.

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ingber et al (WO 94/25487) show features of the instant invention. Microbeads coated with ligands for extracellular matrix receptors/integrins. Cells expressing such receptors/integrins are then treated by sonication, such that focal adhesion complexes free of other cellular materials remain on the beads. The examiner finds no step disclosing removal of the ligand-receptor complexes from the beads. The examiner finds no step that analyzes the microenvironment of ligand receptor complexes by chromatographic analysis or by mass spectrometry.

Claim renumbering at issue is shown in the copy of the index of claims below examiner's signature.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Saunders, PhD whose telephone number is 571-272-0849.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached on 571-272-0849. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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